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- At 1400 hours on 1 July 1953, [] ship was in the Gulf of Finland. An easterly wind was blowing with a force of from gentle to moderate and there were occasional rain showers. A Soviet naval vessel, [] was sighted on a northwesterly course. It carried the Soviet naval ensign, and it proceeded at a speed of about 25 knots. [] the vessel came from the direction of Ristna (approximately N 58-56, E 22-03). The ship had a rather short foredeck, a marked sheer in its low and long deck, and one stack. A small Soviet patrol vessel on a southwesterly course was sighted at the same time. It was painted gray, and it carried a gun of about 50 millimeters on the foredeck; the vessel had a flush deck, one stack and two masts.

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- At 1030 hours on 11 July 1953, while a light southeasterly wind was blowing and the sky was overcast with moderate visibility, about 25 Soviet naval vessels were observed performing target practice and tactical maneuvers close to the coast near Naissaar Island (approximately N 59-34, E 24-31). Although the target was in sight, no splashes in the water could be made out because of the distance of [] vessel. A landing craft which [] was very similar to a German-type landing vessel was steering toward Porkkala. Soviet naval vessel [] headed for Porkkala at 1030 hours. It carried the Soviet naval ensign and a white streamer with a red horizontal cross. Soviet auxiliary vessel [] was at anchor in the Porkkala area at 1030 hours on 11 July 1953.

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